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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE IDEAS, AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS-----.

NARR:

WORLD ATTENTION WAS FOCUSED THIS WEEK ON CAMP DAVID, MARYLAND, OUTSIDE WASHINGTON WHERE SUBSTANTIVE MIDEAST DISCUSSIONS WERE BEING HELD BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF EGYPT, ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES. THE TALKS HAVE BEEN GOING ON IN THE UTMOST PRIVACY AND SECRECY IN THE SEALED-OFF SURROUNDINGS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RETREAT. ALL THE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS APPEAR ANXIOUS NOT TO SAY ANYTHING WHICH COULD IN ANY WAY HAMPER OR ENDANGER THE DELICATE TALKS.

PRESIDENT SADAT ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY. HE LABELED THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT AS VITAL IN THE SEARCH FOR A COMPREHENSIVE JUST AND LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT:

TAPE: CUT ONE -- SADAT

"WE COME HERE AT THE CRUCIAL CROSSROAD; THE CHALLENGE IS TREMENDOUS. BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE EXCEPT TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO FAIL THE HOPES OF NATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BLOCK THE ROAD TO PEACE. THIS IS NO TIME FOR MANEUVERS AND WORN OUT IDEAS. IT IS TIME FOR MAGNANIMITY AND REASON."

NARR:

PRIME MINISTER BEGIN ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON A FEW HOURS AFTER PRESIDENT SADAT. HE TOO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, BUT UNLIKE HIS EGYPTIAN COUNTERPART, HE DESCRIBED IT AS PART OF AN ONGOING PROCESS:

TAPE: CUT TWO -- BEGIN

"THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE DEFENSE MINISTER AND I AND OUR FRIENDS AND ADVISORS WILL MAKE ALL ENDEAVORS POSSIBLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT SO THAT THE PEACE PROCESS CAN CONTINUE AND ULTIMATELY BE CROWNED WITH PEACE TREATIES. THIS IS THE PEACE MISSION ON BEHALF OF WHICH WE COME NOW TO YOU."

NARR:

THE THREE LEADERS BEGAN THEIR UNPRECEDENTED SUMMIT TALKS BY CONFERRING FOR AN HOUR AND FORTY MINUTES IN ISOLATION. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARD, PRESIDENT CARTER MET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS ADVISOR ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI. AND BOTH PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HELD SIMILAR MEETINGS WITH THEIR ADVISORS FOLLOWING THE TRIPARTITE SESSION AND OTHERS HELD THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THE TWO MIDDLE EAST LEADERS ALSO HELD SEVERAL SEPARATE TALKS WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.

SO FAR NOT A WORD HAS BEEN GIVEN ON THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED AT CAMP DAVID. KEY ISSUES BEFORE THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE EGYPTIAN DEMANDS FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED TERRITORY IN THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP, AND ISRAELI CONCERNS FOR THE JEWISH STATE'S FUTURE SECURITY.

(OPT) IN MOSCOW SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO CALLED THE CAMP DAVID TALKS "SEPARATE EXPERIMENTS," SAYING THEY DO NOT LEAD TO PEACE. THE SOVIET OFFICIAL CONTENDED THAT THE MEETING IS AN ATTEMPT AT COLLUSION BEHIND THE BACK OF THE ARABS. MISTER GROMYKO CALLED THAT POLICY UNREALISTIC, MYOPIC AND WITHOUT PROSPECTS IN THE LONG RUN. OFFICIAL SOVIET PRESS COMMENT HAS BEEN EVEN MORE SUSPICIOUS OF THE MOTIVES BEHIND CAMP DAVID. A COMMENTARY BY THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS SAID THE MEETING IS AIMED AT GIVING THE UNITED STATES A FOOTHOLD IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT REPEATED SOVIET FEARS THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING WILL BE A

PLAN TO STATION AMERICAN TROOPS IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. TASS CHARGED THIS WOULD BE COMPLEMENTING ISRAELI OCCUPATION WITH AMERICAN OCCUPATION. (END OPT)

IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS THIS WEEK, AN AIR RHODESIA PLANE CARRYING 56 PERSONS WAS SHOT DOWN NEAR THE ZAMBIAN BORDER. RHODESIA CLAIMED TEN OF THE EIGHTEEN SURVIVORS OF THE CRASH WERE KILLED BY GUERRILLAS WHEN THE VICTIMS EMERGED FROM THE WRECKAGE.

A FEW DAYS LATER RHODESIAN GUERRILLA LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO SAID HIS FORCES BROUGHT THE PLANE DOWN BECAUSE IT WAS OPERATING IN WHAT HE CALLED A WAR ZONE. BUT MISTER NKOMO DENIED REPORTS THAT GUERRILLAS KILLED ANY CRASH SURVIVORS.

LATER PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH PROMISED ANGRY RHODESIAN WHITES WHAT HE CALLED A "NEW COURSE" OF ACTION TO DEAL WITH THE COUNTRY'S EXPANDING GUERRILLA WAR. MISTER SMITH SAID A DRAMATIC NEW SITUATION EXISTS IN RHODESIA. AND IN AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO THE SECRET TALKS HE HELD LAST MONTH WITH JOSHUA NKOMO, MISTER SMITH ADDED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD SHOWN GREAT FLEXIBILITY WHICH HAS BEEN MET WITH WHAT HE CALLED DECEIT AND TREACHERY. VOA CORRESPONDENT BOB CHANCELLOR HAS DETAILS:

TAPE: CUT THREE -- CHANCELLOR

"MISTER SMITH GAVE NO HINT WHAT HIS NEW PROGRAM MIGHT BE, BUT HE DID NOTE THAT RHODESIAN FORCES ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN A MASSIVE OPERATION, SEEKING OUT THE GUERRILLAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATH OF THE PLANE CRASH SURVIVORS. OTHER ALTERNATIVES, SOURCES POINT OUT, COULD INCLUDE MOBILIZATION OF ALL WHITES INTO THE ARMED FORCES, CONSCRIPTION OF BLACKS INTO THE ARMY, SCUTTLING OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT OR A CRACKDOWN AGAINST THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND OTHER BLACK POLITICAL LEADERS WITHIN RHODESIA. A MINISTER IN MISTER SMITH'S GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO MEET THE DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST DEADLINE FOR TURNING POLITICAL POWER OVER TO THE BLACK MAJORITY."

NARR:

(OPT) LATER IN THE WEEK THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONDEMNED THE REPORTED MURDER OF THE PLANE CRASH SURVIVORS. A SPOKESMAN ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE RISING LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN RHODESIA AND WARNED THAT SUCH ACTS WILL ONLY LEAD TO FURTHER VIOLENCE.

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IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BEHIND-THE-SCENES DISCUSSIONS CONTINUED THIS WEEK AT THE UNITED NATIONS ON SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM'S REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WESTERN PROPOSALS FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA. SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM HELD TALKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA'S FOREIGN MINISTER ROELOF BOTHA, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE WESTERN NATIONS WHICH DREW UP THE PROPOSALS FOR NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE, AND WITH HIS OWN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR NAMIBIA.

LATER FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA SAID MISTER WALDHEIM'S REPORT CONTAINS MAJOR DEVIATIONS FROM THE WESTERN NAMIBIAN-SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS. HE ADDED THAT IF THE REPORT IS NOT BROUGHT INTO LINE WITH THOSE PROPOSALS, HE FINDS IT HARD TO THINK THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT CAN COOPERATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS. ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MAJOR OBJECTIONS IS TO THE PROPOSED SEVENTY-FIVE-HUNDRED-MAN U.N. PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR NAMIBIA. MISTER BOTHA SAID A U.N. FORCE OF THAT SIZE WOULD BE UNNECESSARY IF THERE WERE A CEASEFIRE. IF THERE WERE NO CEASEFIRE, HE ADDED, THEN THE INDEPENDENCE PLAN COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED IN ANY CASE.

BEYOND DISAGREEMENTS WITH PORTIONS OF THE U.N. REPORT, MISTER BOTHA ASKED WHY THE NAMIBIAN NATIONALIST LEADER SAM NUJOMA HAS NOT ACCEPTED THE WESTERN PROPOSALS:

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- BOTHA

"ALL MISTER NUJOMA MUST DO NOW IS TO SIGN AN UNDERTAKING OR DO WHAT WE DID ON 25 APRIL -- WRITE A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL TELLING THAT HE ACCEPTS THE PROPOSALS AND STOP MAKING ALL THESE OTHER DEVIATORY STATEMENTS THAT HE IS CONTINUOUSLY MAKING, THREATENING THE PEOPLE WITH FURTHER WAR, BLOODSHED, BLOOD AND BATTLE AND INTIMIDATION."

NARR:

AFTER MEETING WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM, SAM NUJOMA SAID HE FEELS THE PROPOSED NUMBER OF U.N. TROOPS IS, IN HIS WORDS, QUITE NORMAL, AND THAT THE U.N. WILL NEED A FORCE OF THAT SIZE TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE.

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IN MOSCOW THIS WEEK, AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN F. JAY CRAWFORD WAS CONVICTED BY A SOVIET COURT ON CHARGES OF CURRENCY SPECULATION. BUT A FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE IN A LABOR CAMP WAS SUSPENDED BY THE JUDGE. MISTER CRAWFORD WAS ABRUPTLY PULLED OUT OF HIS CAR AND ARRESTED IN JUNE JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER THE UNITED STATES ARRESTED TWO SOVIET CITIZENS ON ESPIONAGE CHARGES. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO GO ON TRIAL LATER THIS MONTH.

MISTER CRAWFORD HAD INSISTED ON ACQUITTAL ON THE CHARGES OF EXCHANGING SOVIET CURRENCY FOR DOLLARS AT AN ILLEGAL RATE. DURING THE TRIAL CRAWFORD DISPUTED THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED AGAINST HIM.

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- CRAWFORD

"NO ONE THAT HAS APPEARED ON THE STAND HAS SHOWN ME ANY EVIDENCE OF WHERE I AM GUILTY OF ANYTHING AND I DEFINITELY WILL NOT BE CONVICTED DUE TO THE EVIDENCE. IF I AM, I AM GOING TO ASK FOR AN ACQUITTAL BECAUSE I AM GUILTY OF NO CRIME AND I AM GOING TO ASK THE JUDGE TO FIND ME NOT GUILTY."

NARR:

IN WASHINGTON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WHILE IT REGARDS THE ACTION AGAINST MISTER CRAWFORD AS IMPROPER AND

UNWARRANTED, THE END OF THE TRIAL REMOVES A SERIOUS IMPEDIMENT TO U.S. SOVIET RELATIONS. THE CRAWFORD CASE HAD PARALLELED A SLANDER CHARGE AGAINST TWO AMERICAN NEWSMEN EARLIER IN THE SUMMER. ALTHOUGH A SOVIET COURT CONVICTED THEM AND THEIR NEWSPAPERS PAID FINES, THE SOVIET DEMAND FOR RETRACTIONS WAS WITHDRAWN, AND THE CASE AGAINST THE JOURNALISTS HAS NOW BEEN DROPPED.

HEAVY FLOODS CONTINUED TO HIT MANY PARTS OF INDIA THIS WEEK, AS WE HEAR FROM VOA CORRESPONDENT FRED BROWN:

TAPE: CUT SIX -- BROWN

"WHILE THE FLOOD SITUATION CONTINUES TO ABATE IN NEW DELHI, MANY OTHER AREAS EAST AND SOUTH OF THE INDIAN CAPITAL ARE CONTINUING TO FEEL THE FULL BRUNT OF MONSOON-TRIGGERED FLOODS. CITIES NOW IN THE PATH OF THE FLOOD INCLUDE MATHURA, AGRA -- SITE OF THE FAMED TAJ MAHAL -- ALLAHABAD -- WHERE THE MIGHTY GANGES AND JAMUNA RIVERS MEET -- AND BENARES. MASS EVACUATION OF LOW LYING AREAS OF MATHURA ALREADY HAS BEGUN AND PUMPS ARE BEING RUSHED TO AGRA WHERE THE JAMUNA IS EXPECTED TO RISE TEN METERS ABOVE THE DANGER MARK. IN THE STATE OF BIHAR, AT LAST REPORT, THE LEVEL OF THE GANGES WAS CONTINUING TO RISE THREATENING PATNA, THE SAATE CAPITAL. HUNDREDS OF VILLAGES IN WESTERN UTTAR PRADESH ALSO ARE INUNDATED."

NARR:

ACCURATE ESTIMATES ON CASUALTIES ARE HARD TO COME BY SINCE SO MANY AREAS IN INDIA REMAIN CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD. BUT THE FIGURE IS EXPECTED TO FAR EXCEED THE MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND KNOWN DEAD SINCE THE MONSOONS BEGAN IN JULY. OF MORE IMMEDIATE CONCERN ARE THE MILLIONS OF SURVIVORS LEFT WITHOUT FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING OR DRINKING WATER. THEY NOW FACE THE THREAT OF CHOLERA, TYPHOID AND OTHER DISEASES WHICH USUALLY FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF GREAT NATURAL CALAMITIES.

DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUED IN IRAN THROUGHOUT THE WEEK IN OPPOSITION TO THE SHAH'S MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. IRANIAN TROOPS BATTLED ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATORS IN THE STREETS

OF TEHERAN AFTER MARTIAL LAW WAS IMPOSED ON TWLEVE IRANIAN CITIES.

TEHERAN RADIO CONFIRMED THAT A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED, WITH ESTIMATES OF THOSE KILLED RUNNING AS HIGH AS ONE HUNDRED. THE DEMONSTRATIONS ARE APPARENTLY BEING ORGANIZED BY TRADITIONALIST RELIGIOUS LEADERS OPPOSED TO THE SHAH'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS.

ANNCR:

AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOU NARRATOR WAS _____. JOIN US AGAIN NEXT _____ WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK.

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